

Discovering Your Gifts #8

Different Kind of Tongues

1 Cor.12:10

We now come in our study to the Vocal Gifts: Tongues, Interpretation of tongues, Prophecy. What is "tongues"? A supernatural gift of speaking in a language unknown to the speaker. Some have taught that the only Biblical evidence of being filled with the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues. See, however, Acts 4:29-31 and Acts 19:6. Paul did say that he wished all the believers would speak in tongues. 1 Cor. 14:5. I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. (NIV)

Why should we speak in tongues? Let's look at some Reasons....

1. Tongues are an initial evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

- a. Acts 2:4
- b. Acts 10:44-46

2. Tongues edifies us spiritually

- a. 1 Cor.14:4 Gk. "the promotion of spiritual growth"
- b. A supernatural means of communication with the Lord 1 Cor.14:2
 - a. Cp.. Jd.20, Mk.16:17

3. Tongues remind us we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

- a. Jn.14:16,17
- b. Daily prayer in tongues reminds us we are God's temple 1 Cor.6:19,20

4. Praying in tongues is praying God's perfect will.

- a. Rom.8:26,27

5. Praying in tongues stimulates our faith.

- a. Jude 20
- b. Opens the door to the supernatural.

6. Speaking in tongues can keep us uncontaminated from the world.

- a. 1 Cor.14:28 "... to himself and to God."
- b. On the job, out in public

7. Speaking in tongues helps us pray for the unknown.

- a. Rom.8:26,27 Intercession for others

8. Praying in tongues gives spiritual refreshing.

- a. Is.28:11,12
- b. 1 Cor.14:22

9. Tongues are for giving thanks.

a. 1 Cor.14:15-17

10. Tongues help bring the tongue under subjection.

a. Jms.3:8

b. Rom.12:1